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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 840
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and recognize the City of
Maryville Fire Chief Ed Mitchell upon receiving
the 2002 Blount County Citizenship Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary citizen is the City of Maryville Fire Chief Ed Mitchell who is the recipient of the 2002 Blount County Citizenship Award, which is annually awarded to outstanding Blount County citizens who have provided meritorious service to their community; and

WHEREAS, through his professional service and volunteer efforts, Chief Mitchell has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; his life of service and goodwill stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

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WHEREAS, a six-generation resident of Blount County, he is a graduate of Everett High School; a sterling scholar, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, a certified Fire Inspector, Housing Inspector, and Arson Investigator, Chief Ed Mitchell has meritoriously served the Maryville Fire Department for twenty years; before accepting the position of Fire Chief, he conscientiously served as the Fire and Housing Inspector for five years; and

WHEREAS, Ed Mitchell presently serves with acumen and diligence as the Chief of the Maryville Fire Department; he has earned the respect of the thirty-eight employees under his charge and his fellow citizens for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, compelled to make a positive difference in his community, he contributes his time and considerable talents to several community service organizations and programs; he serves as the Chair of the United Way Allocations Committee and is a member of the American Heart Association Walk of Life Committee, the Board of Directors of Keep Blount Beautiful, the 911 Board of Directors, and a member of the Maryville Kiwanis; he is also active in Area 15 Special Olympics and the Empty Pantry Fund; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ed Mitchell is a faithful member of the Broadway United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell is a devoted husband to his wife of twenty-one years, Kim Vann Mitchell, and a loving father to their two sons, Joshua and Jordan Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ed Mitchell will be presented the 2002 Blount County Citizenship Award at a ceremony held in his honor on May 13, 2002 at the Green Meadow Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ed Mitchell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate and recognize the City of Maryville Fire Chief Ed Mitchell upon receiving the 2002 Blount County Citizenship Award, commend the courage and honor with which he serves the Maryville Fire Department, express our gratitude for his many significant contributions to his community, his county, and his state, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.